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ATTORNEY GENERAL FILES SUIT AGAINST WASTE COMPOSTING FACILITY

Springfield — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today filed suit against a Clinton County waste composting company for accepting and processing waste after its permit to do so expired.

According to Madigan's lawsuit, Clinton County Compost, Inc., located on Route 161 near Hoffman, accepted waste after Feb. 1, 2012, the date its operating permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) expired. The facility continued to accept some waste through the most recent inspection at the facility on March 30.

Numerous other permit violations are contained in the two-count complaint based on a series of IEPA inspections. Alleged violations include allowing a fire at the facility last year to spread to incoming waste piles, failure to process landscape waste in timely manner and failure to prevent the ponding of landscape waste leachate.

The complaint filed today in Clinton County Circuit Court seeks the statutory maximum civil penalty of \$50,000 for each violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and associated regulations in addition to a penalty of \$10,000 for each day the violations continue.

Assistant Attorney General Raymond Callery is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

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